

News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

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Calling All Artists for 2016 Bird Celebration Logo Art Contest!

It's that time of year, when aspiring artists of all ages are encouraged to showcase their talent by competing in the logo art contest for the 22nd Annual International Migratory Bird Day Celebration at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

The winning artwork will be the official trademark of the celebration to be held at the refuge on Saturday, May 14, 2016. It will appear on all of the event-related materials including: the program, flyers, T-shirts, and other items.

"Spread Your Wings for Bird Conservation" is the theme for International Migratory Bird Day 2016. This year's celebration will explore how birds have inspired some of the most significant environmental conservation actions. Our goal is to connect people through birds, and to help them understand the importance of bird conservation.

Artists should submit an original; line-art drawing of a migratory bird that can be seen on the refuge, except for birds depicted in artwork of the past three winners such as: greater yellow legs, great horned owl and black-necked stilt. In order to compete, submitted art must be an original, line art drawing in pen and ink. Artists may submit as many pieces as they wish. The logo art should be clean and precise, as it will be reduced to fit in a number of event-related items, including buttons that are approximately three inches in diameter.

The contestants' art will not be mailed back. However, contestants may pick up their artwork at the refuge after the contest has ended. The only exception is the winning submission, which will become the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Contestants must submit their art work to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge by close of business on Friday, April 1, 2016.

To submit a drawing, please send artwork to Sally Bowden at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 62, Chincoteague, Virginia, 23336. For more information, call (757) 336-6122.

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